

Springfield Township EAC Meeting Minutes

March, 26th 2025 - 7 PM - Free Library of Springfield Township

Attending

- Guests: 2
- Committee: Ben, Stephen, Aaron, Martin, Adam, Joy, Patrick, Brendan

Minutes

- February minutes approved
- Sat. Morning - High School sustainability club - 29th picking up trash and stuff around the ACME shopping center site.
- Mermaid Park - tour Sat. April 26th at 10 AM (open to Shade Tree, Parks and Recs, EAC and Commissioners) - Aaron will reach out to Shade Tree, also let them know that Primex is trying to get an order for Arbor day trees.
- New vacancy : EAC member with Gail stepping down.
- Native Plant Sale / No Mow May discussion of coordination of planning.
 - Tables, chairs.
 - Aaron has the receipt book and signage which he will bring to the next meeting.
 - Will be from 10 - 12. May 10th in front of the Library.
 - No Mow May signs ordered (w/ a QR code this year)
 - Martin is coordinating w/ ppl who cannot make it.
 - No Mow May sign ups advertised in the spring newsletter.
- No replacement identified for staff liaison yet for our committee
- Electric Landscaping : Survey & Event
 - Survey: Over 800+ responses (150~ were not verifiable addresses)
 - 350 for, 320 against, 25 unsure (approximate numbers)
 - Grouped the comments into broad categories: approx 6 categories. Biggest sentiment against: Biggest concern was increasing costs to commercial landscaping companies. The next one was people against government regulation. In 3rd was that EV equipment was not to doing the job. A few against the ordinance would be OK with time restrictions.
 - American Green Zone Alliance (AGZ) - provide tracking, guidance for commercial landscapers going electric. June 16th in Lower Merion for commercial and municipal landscapers. There were be an indoor education session and outdoor training session.
 - Lower Merion township is looking, www.lowermerion.org/elawns, for capturing commercial landscapers.

- Discussion around next steps, education paths, objection handling, engagement with commercial landscaping.
- Municipal Solar project update
 - Township building and 2 of the Public Works buildings; possibly enough for entire campus including the future rec center project.
 - Township has been approved for the shared energy manager program; they have been engaged with the township public works, Ron, EAC and people from Wilson looking at the physical buildings.
 - Wilson engineering has put together an RFP for the township and will incorporate the current learnings in the current RFP which will go out in a few weeks.
 - Late this year will be the target for a decision by the commissioners on what path to take.
- EV parking guidance to planning commission for the SALDO.
 - Planning commission appreciated the feedback received from the EAC on guidance and background on residential and commercial properties.
 - More geared at this point to not have it as a requirement. But were open to guidelines for when it is put in to how to install it when it is present.
 - Is there information on ROI for EV installations in commercial properties.
 - Great to see that we have an ongoing dialog w/ planning commission.
- Township updates
 - Still discussing the storm water issues no other updates.